

In the Claims

The status of the claims are as follows:

Claims 1-24 have been previously cancelled. Cancel claims 31-38.

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39. (new) An antimicrobial composition for removing biofilm from a medical

line which comprises an acidic solution comprising:

1. an alkali metal iodide salt in amount of at least 0.01 to 9.5% by weight of said composition;

2. an organic acid having up to eight carbon atoms in an amount of at least 0.1 to 1% by weight of said composition;

3. at least one oxidizing agent in an amount of at least 0.1 to 1.0% by weight of said composition, and

4. an inorganic phosphate buffer in an amount to provide said solution with a pH of about 2 to 5, and said composition being free of persulfate salts.

40. (new) The composition of claim 39 wherein said organic acid is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, ascorbic acid, and oxalic acid.

41. (new) The composition of claim 39 wherein said oxidizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium percarbonate, sodium perborate, urea hydrogen peroxide or mixtures thereof.

42. (new) The composition of claim 39 wherein said buffer is selected from the group consisting of mono and dibasic alkali metal hydrogen phosphate salts.

43. (new) The composition of claim 40 wherein said buffer is potassium hydrogen phosphate.

44. (new) A method for removing biofilm from a medical line which comprises treating said medical line with composition of claim 39 in an effective amount to remove biofilm from the medical line.